

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-28, and 35-38, amend claim 29, and add new claims 39-74, of which the independent claims are claims 39, 65, and 67.

Claims 1-28 (cancelled)

29. (currently amended) ~~The weapon grip assembly of claim 26~~ A weapon grip assembly comprising a clamp base and clamps supported upon said clamp base for pivot motion with respect thereto in furtherance of grasping the forward portion of the weapon, said clamp base comprising a post having a clamp end adapted to retain said clamps at said clamp end of said post for individual pivot motion with respect thereto, each of said clamps being adapted to engage a lateral edge of a rail of a forward portion of a weapon, said post of said clamp base being receivable in an axial bore of a handle and adapted to be reversibly drawn into said axial bore, said assembly further comprising a mandrel interposed between said handle and said clamps.

30. (Original) The weapon grip assembly of claim 29 wherein a portion of said mandrel is configured to receive said clamp end of said clamp base.

31. (Original) The weapon grip assembly of claim 29 wherein said mandrel is axially translatable upon said post of said clamp base.

32. (Original) The weapon grip assembly of claim 30 wherein said mandrel operatively engages said clamp end of said post so as to limit axial translation of said mandrel upon said post.

33. (Original) The weapon grip assembly of claim 31 wherein said mandrel has a portion of an upper surface thereof adapted to operatively engage said clamps.

34. (Original) The weapon grip assembly of claim 33 wherein rotation of said handle relative to said clamp base causes pivot closure of said clamps via engagement of said upper portion of an upper surface thereof with said clamps.

Claims 35-38 (canceled)

39. (New) A weapon grip assembly for facilitating grasping and support of a forward portion of a weapon, said weapon grip assembly comprising a base assembly supported by a handle, and a collar operatively interposed between said base assembly and said handle, said base assembly comprising a post having a clamp end adapted to mechanically and independently retain opposingly paired clamps for

selective attachment to a forward portion of the weapon.

40. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein each of said clamps is separately pivotable with respect to said clamp end of said post.

41. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said clamps are retained at said clamp end of said post for individual pivot motion with respect thereto.

42. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 41 wherein said post is receivable in a cavity of said handle.

43. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 42 wherein said post is adapted to be reversibly drawn into said cavity of said handle.

44. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 43 wherein said post includes a threaded segment adjacent said clamp end.

45. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 44 wherein said threaded segment of said post is reversibly advanceable within said cavity of said handle upon rotation of said handle with respect to said base assembly.

46. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 45 wherein said handle includes a capped end.

47. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein each of said clamps is independently biased with respect to said clamp end of said post.

48. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 47 wherein said post is reversibly received within a recess of said handle.

49. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 48 wherein said clamps pivotingly respond to axial positioning of said collar relative to the post of said base assembly.

50. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 49 wherein said collar surrounds a segment of said post.

51. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 49 wherein said clamp end of said post is surrounded by a sidewall of said collar.

52. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 49 wherein said clamp end of said post is received with a sidewall of said collar

53. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 further comprising

a latching assembly for selectively affixing said collar to said handle.

54. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 52 wherein said latching assembly selectively locks said clamps in a preselect state of closure.

55. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said collar includes a latching assembly for cooperative locking engagement of said collar with a portion of said handle.

56. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein a seal is formed between a portion of said collar and said clamp end of said post.

57. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 56 wherein a resilient element is interposed between a base of said collar and said clamp end of said post so as to form said seal.

58. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said collar is adapted to permit debris egress.

59. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said base assembly further comprise an alignment mechanism configured for

operative engagement with said collar.

60. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said collar is adapted to operatively supporting an auxiliary device.

61. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 60 wherein said collar is adapted to operatively support a target illumination device.

62. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said collar is equipped with a bracket for supporting an auxiliary device.

63. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 39 wherein said collar includes an upper surface configured to engage portions of the forward portion of the weapon adjacent an interface between said clamps and the forward portion of the weapon.

64. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 62 wherein said a portion of said handle is adapted for locking integration with a portion of said collar.

65. (New) A weapon grip assembly for facilitating grasping and support of a forward portion of a weapon, said weapon grip assembly comprising a base assembly supported by a handle, said base assembly comprising clamps adapted to be secured to a forward

portion of the weapon, each of said clamps being separately pivotable with respect to said base.

66. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 65 wherein each of said clamps are cooperatively united at an end thereof to a portion of said base via a pin.

67. (New) A weapon grip assembly for facilitating grasping and support of a forward portion of a weapon, said weapon grip assembly comprising a base assembly supported by a handle, said base assembly comprising jaws adapted to be secured to a forward portion of the weapon, each of said jaws being independently biased with respect to said base.

68. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 67 wherein each of said jaws are cooperatively united at an end thereof to a portion of said base via a pin.

69. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 68 wherein said jaws are independently biased with respect to said base via compressible elements.

70. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 69 wherein said

compressible elements comprise compression springs.

71. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 67 wherein each of said jaws is curved throughout a length thereof.

72. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 67 wherein each of said jaws includes a profiled surface.

73. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 67 wherein each of said jaws includes a notched surface.

74. (New) The weapon grip assembly of claim 67 wherein each of said jaws includes an upper portion defining a lip.